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Statement by Office of the City Attorney VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES FILED

The Office of the City Attorney has filed vehicular manslaughter charges against 22 year old Heather Shumway who ran over Police Officer Gerald Griffin on the afternoon of April 15th in Pacific Beach. City Attorney Casey Gwinn states "The message from this tragedy is very clear: A car is a weapon in the hands of those who fail to pay attention while driving. In this case a police officer is dead, and by any objective analysis, he did not deserve to die. Manslaughter deaths such as these are completely preventable if drivers commit to drive within the speed limit and to stay totally focused on the road ahead of them."

On April 15 at 1:32 p.m., Officer Griffin was conducting radar speed enforcement in Pacific Beach. Shumway was traveling westbound in the 2000 block of Garnet Avenue when she hit Officer Griffin who was in the roadway, attempting to stop Shumway for speeding. He died on April 25 as a result of his injuries.

The Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office received the police report on September 2nd, and charges were filed on September 18. Shumway will be arraigned in Superior Court on October 2, 12:30 p.m.

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